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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR SHULMAN'S TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HIRC.

1. AMBASSADOR MARSHALL SHULMAN TESTIFIED BEFORE THE HIRC ON OCTOBER 26 ON U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS. THE FULL TEXT OF HIS PREPARED STATEMENT HAS BEEN TRANSMITTED IN THE WIRELESS FILE, AND COPIES WILL BE POUCHED TO YOU.

2. IN ADDITION TO DELIVERY THE PREPARED STATEMENT, AMBASSADOR SHULMAN ANSWERED QUESTIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE. THE FOLLOWING EXCERPT ON YUGOSLAVIA, RAISED BY CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ, IS TAKEN FROM THE UNEDITED TRANSCRIPT, AND IS BASED ON GUIDANCE PREPARED IN THE DEPARTMENT.

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BEGIN QUOTE:

MR. SOLARZ: THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP IN THE POST-TITO PERIOD IN YUGOSLAVIA--TO WHAT EXTENT ARE THEY LIKELY TO ATTEMPT TO AGGRESSIVELY EXPLOIT WHATEVER OPPORTUNITIES THAT MIGHT OPEN UP TO THEM, CONCEIVABLY TO

THE POINT OF SENDING IN THE RED ARMY IN RESPONSE TO AN INVITATION TO DO SO BY SOME FACTIONS WITHIN YUGOSLAVIA?

MR. SHULMAN: THIS DEPENDS A GREAT DEAL ON WHAT THE SITUATION IS IN YUGOSLAVIA AT THE TIME, WHETHER THERE IS CHAOS OR WHETHER THERE IS A RELATIVE COHERENCE.

SECONDLY, IT WOULD DEPEND ON WHAT THE SOVIET UNION WOULD CALCULATE ITS OTHER COSTS WOULD BE.

I THINK WE HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THAT THIS WOULD BE REGARDED VERY SERIOUSLY. I THINK ALSO THE SOVIET UNION CAN BE UNDER NO ILLUSIONS THAT IF IT WERE TO ENGAGE IN MILITARY OPERATIONS IN YUGOSLAVIA THEY WOULD DO SO UNDER THE MOST DANGEROUS AND DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE TERRAIN AND FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE POLITICAL ATTITUDES OF THE PEOPLE. CERTAINLY THERE CAN BE NO COUNTRY THAT WOULD BE MORE FIERCELY RESISTENT TO AN EFFORT TO IMPOSE CONTROL.

MR. SOLARZ: WOULD IT BE YOUR VIEW THAT IF THE YUGOSLAVS HOLD TOGETHER IT WOULD BE UNLIKELY THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD ATTEMPT TO MOVE IN MILITARILY?

MR. SHULMAN: YES.

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MR. SOLARZ: AND IF THERE WERE FRAGMENTATION IT IS STILL DOUBTFUL THEY WOULD MOVE IN BECAUSE PRESUMABLY THAT WOULD UNITE THE YUGOSLAVS AROUND THE EFFORT TO RESIST.

MR. SHULMAN: THAT IS MY JUDGEMENT. END QUOTE. CHRISTOPHER

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